

# CIGAR BOX GUITAR TABLATURE

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## Nearer My God to Thee

Arranged for 3-string fretted cigar box guitar tuned to Open G GDG.

This well-known hymn dates from the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. There are several tunes that have been put to the words, but I have chosen the one that is better known in the United States, and which I learned in church as a boy. This is also the version that appeared in the 1997 movie *Titanic*, though there is no consensus as to which version was actually played on the doomed ship, or if it was even played at all.

	<b>G</b>		<b>C</b>		<b>C</b>		<b>G</b>		<b>D</b>		<b>G</b>		<b>C</b>		<b>C</b>		<b>D</b>		<b>G</b>			
G	4	2	0	0	0	4	2	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	4	0	
D	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	4	0			
G	0	5	5	0	2	0	5	5	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	4	0
	NEAR-ER MY GOD TO THEE, NEAR-ER TO THEE E'EN THOUGH IT BE A CROSS THA - AT RAIS-ETH ME																					
	<b>G</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G</b>		<b>C</b>	<b>G</b>		<b>D</b>	<b>G</b>		<b>C</b>		<b>G</b>		<b>D</b>	<b>G</b>						
	7	9	7	7	4	7	7	9	7	7	4	2	4	2	0	0	0	2	0			
	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	4	0			
	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0			
	STILL ALL MY SONG SHALL BE NEAR-ER MY GOD TO THEE, E'EN THOUGH IT BE A CROSS THA---AT RAIS-ETH ME.																					

Words by Sarah Flower Adams (1841) – Music by Lowell Mason (1856)  
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For more information about the Open G GDG tuning, [check out this article](#) in the cigar box guitar knowledgebase at CigarBoxGuitar.com. We also have a video by Glenn Watt on how to read and play 3-string tablature like this – [you can view it here on CigarBoxGuitar.com](#).

